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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____.

- (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of environment and conservation has the authority to cause to be purchased and to develop the method for purchasing without the approval of any other agency of state government, raw materials, merchandise for resale, supplies and equipment necessary for the providing of quality services for state park operations.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the commissioner of environment and conservation to develop policies and procedures to ensure, to the extent practicable, that purchases made on behalf of park operations are at the lowest possible price while at the same time ensuring quality and timely delivery. The commissioner shall file such policies and procedures with the board of standards for the board's review and approval.
- (c) The commissioner has the authority to purchase supplies and equipment through the department of general services and is encouraged to exercise the option to purchase through the department under the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 3, in circumstances which are advantageous for the timely delivery of low cost, quality products.
- (d) For the purposes of this section, "park operations" meaning the following facilities at state parks: inns, cabins, restaurants, golf courses, gift shops, marinas, snack bars, and vending machines.

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SECTION 2. The comptroller of the treasury is directed to report to the general assembly no later than February 1, 2003, on the success or failure of the state park operations. Such report shall determine if cost-savings have resulted from the enactment and implementation of this act. Such report shall also determine if the state park operations' costs and expenditures and rates charged consumers meet industry standards for facilities at state parks, inns, cabins, restaurants, golf courses, gift shops, marinas, snack bars, and vending machines. Such determination shall include and allocate any expenditures for equipment, services or capital outlay that are provided directly or indirectly to state park operations.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.